Rs. 528/-per metric tonne to Rs. 578/-per petric tonne with effect from 1/4/1996 subject to adjustments on notification of the final rate of royalty and flnfllisation of crude oil price in due course.

Optlonnl PRBS scheme of ONOC

1974. SHRl SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL OAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has introduced optional PRBS with effect from 1st April, 1990; if so, how many officers and staff have opted and not opted for the scheme;

(b) whether any actuary report has been obtained before introduction of the aforesaid schemes If yes, what was the

report of actuary and names of actuary;

(c) whether the said PRBS is self-contributory; If so, what *k* the total financial contribution of ONGC in each year from the 1st April, 1990 to till date besides employees contribution; and

(d) whether Government thinks that the said PRBS scheme will be viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Diesel/Petrol Consumed by Government Vehicles

1975. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and VStue of petrol and diesel consumed by Central Government vehicles every year, figures for the years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and so far in 1997 may be given;

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to reduce consumption of petrol and diesel;

(c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken; and

(d) If the answer to part (b) above be In negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL OAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the House.

Special Cut Naphtha Extracted by BPC

1976. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPC) extracts special cut naphtha from wide cut (normal naphtha);

(b) whether the above affects production of HSD, a deficit product in the country, If so, the yield loss of HSD per tonne of special cut naphtha produced;

(c) the quantity of special cut naphtha produced and the list of consumers, during the last three years; and

(d) whether shortfall in production in HSD is being made good vis-a-vis import cost and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) BPCL Refinery at Mumbai

produces Special Cut Naphtha (SCN) from crude oil. This affects the production of diesel which is reduced of the order of 0.9 MT per Metric Tonne of SCN produced based on the current operating data.

(c) The quantity of SCN produced in BPCL's Mumbai Refinery durifig the last 3 years is as under:-

(Figures In TMT)

year	Quantity
1994-95	228.3
1995-96	219.4
1996-97	312.0

The consamet-9 for SCN are M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. Patalganga for producing value add^d petrochemicals.

(d) The shortfall In HSD production Is met by Imports.

Criteria for Allocating PrinaneHt Gas Connections

1977. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL OAS be plfeased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for allocati g permanent gas connection to Ae consumers in India; and

(b) the details thereof and wheth'/i" it is a fact that some of the consumer» have not got gas connection for las i seven years since tliey have applied fur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY *Of* PETROLBfJM AND NATURAL OAS (SHRI T.R BAALU): (a) and (b) As per the eyMnl policy, the procedure followed for relense of new LPO connections by the Puhlic Sector Oil Companies is as under:

The customer has to 'egister at the distributorship after producting proof of residence and ubtain the waitlist registration slip slowing the waitlist registration number. On maturity of the waiting list, distributor will advise the person fol- avniling the new domestic connection. After varifjing the requisity documents, the distributor arranges for the inspection of hot plflte and also verification of the resldetitlal adtfress. On verlflcatioJl df the dbove details, the distributor issues a subscription voucher ort collection of the security deposit and other recoverable amount from the custoiitcr for releasltig the connections. Thertiflfter the connection Is Installed at the customers premises.

A person can also get new LPO domestic eonneetion Immediately under Tatkal Scheme ort peymewt of one time lumpsum non-refundable amount df Rs. 40(XV- 'in addition to normal security deposi'iV.

As *an* 1.4.97, some distributors of the publiv' sector Oil Marketing Companies *wen* holding waltingllst for more than 7 ye jrs old. However, as per the directions oV the Government in April, 1997, the *OW* Companies would be clearing the w»;,tlist of prior to 1.1.91 *by* 30.9.97.

Diversion of Kerosene for Adulteration of Diesei

1978. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR
SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL OAS be pleased to state:

(A) whether it is a fact that as per Oovern^nent's estimate one third of kerosene supplies have been diverted to flduiieration of diesei. due to the vast difference in the sale price of Kerosence and diesei; and

(b) whether, with the proposed hike in the pnces of all petroleum products except kerosene, this gap is likelty to furthf.r widen, if so, what steps are contemplated to effectively prevent such divf;rsion of kerosene and its use for adidtergtion of diesei?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL OAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU) : (a*)* and (b) A study made, about three